

When Kim Dunn was a teenager, she worked in the office briefly with her father learning the beam business. She didn't know that, one day, those beams would be the very foundation of her future. Blue Springs Beam Service, Inc. began

company in 1978. They have come a long way from one truck and an answering machine to take orders. Kim started back with the company in 1994 and then took over as President in 2005 and hasn't looked back.



with the grit, tenacity and hard work. Kim's father, Mel Gillison the founder of Blue Springs Beam Service, Inc. started the

Since that time Blue Springs Beam Service, Inc. has started doing more labor intensive residential steel beam fabrication



and small commercial work in Missouri and Kansas. Kim obtained her WBE, DBE and SLBE in the city and state of Missouri to satisfy some of the requirements needed for commercial projects that require those certifications.

Homeowners today are informed and bold with their design choices. One of her more memorable projects was a customer that began with a structural need — he had cedar beams in his home and was not satisfied with them. He needed a solution, so his builder removed his roof,



the cedar beams and installed steel beams that are now a beautiful showcase throughout his home." The result? A livable,

Another project Kim is proud of is a recently finished rounded custom steel deck. The intricate detail of the steel is

nothing shy of pure art. They supplied the powder coated steel post so clear glass panels could be installed in between the columns. "It's simply breathtaking! There are so many fun, unique ways to use our steel and the best part, your neighbors certainly aren't going to have something just like it!"



staff. It just couldn't be done without everyone's hard work and dedication.

Sometimes to create a great design in your home, you just need to look up and use your imagination. ■



modern unique structure with the strength of the primal architectural elements of charcoal steel exposed beams.

Kim says her employees are the heart of her business just like any other business. To the certified welders, crane operators, shop personnel and office

## PRO TIP...

*Want to add a bit of drama to your boring open floor plan?  
Add a steel beam across the ceiling dividing the kitchen and living space.  
It draws the eye up and creates an interesting focal point.*



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